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THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER NEW HAMPSHIRE



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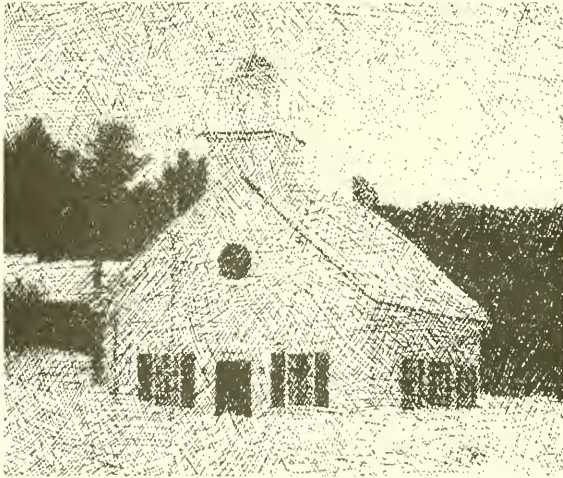
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The Church



The Town House



The Historical Museum

HISTORICAL NOTE

Dorchester is believed to have been named by Gov. Benning Wentworth in honor of his ancestor, Henry Pierpont - First Marquess of Dorchester, England (1606-1680)

Our first charter was granted July 8, 1761 to Henry Thompson and others. Conditions of the charter were not met and it was lost.

A second charter was granted November 21, 1766 - it too was lost through default.

A third and final charter was granted by Gov. John Wentworth, a nephew of Benning Wentworth, to John House and others on May 1, 1772. Under this grant

"The Grantees were to settle or cause to be settled, twenty families by the first day of May, 1773 and continue to add yearly, settlers thereunto, so that there shall be actually resident on said land sixty families by the first day of May 1777."

"The Grantees were, at their own cost, to cut, clear, bridge and make passable for carriages of all kinds a road of three rods width through the said township, which road shall be completed in two years from the date of this grant, in failure of which the premises and every part thereof shall be forfeited and revert to us our heirs and successors and regranted to any of our loving subjects."

It seems very doubtful if the conditions of this third and last charter could have been fulfilled had not the American Revolution ended the reign of King George the Third and the power of Gov. John Wentworth.

The first two settlers of Dorchester under the final grant were Stephen Murch and Benjamin Rice - both natives of Connecticut. They came first to Hanover and were then encouraged by John House to become the first official settlers of Dorchester.

The facts and fables, photos and documents which weave the rich fabric of our town history are preserved in the Dorchester Historical Museum.

In addition to valuable heirlooms that belonged to Dorchester's earliest families, there are treasured documents, photographs of families, homes, scenic spots and early industry. The museum also contains a complete collection of town reports dating from 1896 to 1970 successively - plus a few older copies dated as early as 1865.

NOTES

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

A. John Franz '87

Carol H. Wilson '88

Brian A. Howe '89

Moderator

Henry L. Melanson

Tax Collector

Delbert G. Pratt

Treasurer

Nella H. Ashley

Town Clerk

Brenda Howe

Deputy Tax Collector

Herbert A. Wilson

Welfare Director

Alice Melanson

Deputy Town Clerk

Glenda Edgecomb

Road Agent

George C. Conkey, Sr.

Health Officer

Herbert A. Wilson

Forest Fire Warden

Kenneth L. Hall

Police Chief

Ralph L. Gove

Police Officers

Kenneth L. Hall

Dog Constable

Ralph L. Gove

Frances E. Merrill '89

Trustees of Trust Funds

Patricia E. Franz '88

Eunice Bourdelais '87

Frances Whitehurst '90

Supervisors of Checklist

Martha Walker '88

Marion Delsart '87

Auditors

Lucille Andrews '87

Cathy Cote '87

Library Trustees

Mary Carroll Abell '88

Robert W. Thayer '89

Carol H. Wilson '87

Cemetery Committee

Mary Carroll Abell

Eric Bergstrom

Martha Walker

Planning Board

Jean R. Belair '88, *Chairman*

Valentine F. Parker '87

Brian A. Howe '89

Henry L. Melanson '88

Herbert A. Wilson '89

Board of Directors, U.V.L.S.C.

Jean Belair

Valentine Parker

Representatives, Solid Waste District

Jean Belair

Valentine Parker

Herbert Wilson

Historic District Commission

Patricia Franz '89, *Chairman*

Nella Ashley '87

Carol Wilson '88

Marima Belair '89

Dorothy Linn '87

Fred Clemens '88

Margaret Ayres '89

School Board Member

Herbert A. Wilson

Representatives to Mascoma Health Council

Patricia E. Franz

Estelle A. Milman

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday the 10th day of March, 1987, polls to be open for voting on Article 1 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and to close not earlier than 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon, with action on the remaining articles to be taken commencing at 7:30 in the evening.

1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town's representatives to the General Court to take all necessary measures to insure that no low level radioactive waste from the Seabrook nuclear plant shall be stored or disposed of within this Town of Dorchester unless and until the proposed site of the proposed storage or disposal has been approved by the voters of the Town at the annual Town Meeting by written ballot. (Article by petition).
3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate five hundred sixty dollars (\$560.00) for the purchase of police emergency lighting equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.
5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the purchase of forest fire fighting equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-six thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$56,450.00) to be used to purchase and equip a new truck for the Highway Department, said truck and equipment to be funded as follows: Thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000.00) from the issuance of notes in accordance with RSA-33, the Municipal Finance Act; fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Highway Maintenance Equipment; four thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$4,450.00) to be withdrawn from the Revenue Sharing Fund. (Affirmative action on this article requires a two-thirds ballot vote.)

Funding Summary:

Notes	\$38,000.00
Capital Reserve	14,000.00
Revenue Sharing	<u>4,450.00</u>
Total	\$56,450.00

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be used for the capital improvement of Class V roads, and to authorize the Selectmen to raise said \$25,000.00 by borrowing on the credit of the Town through the issuance of a note or notes of the Town pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act, RSA-33. (Affirmative action on this article requires a two-thirds ballot vote.)
8. To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:1-c which authorize any town or city to elect not to assess, levy and collect a resident tax.

9. To see if the Town will accept the recommendation of its representatives to the Pemi-Baker Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee and appropriate four hundred seventy-six dollars (\$476.00). This will enable the Committee to gather the necessary engineering, legal, and financial information in order to determine the detailed costs for a District solid waste disposal solution including but not limited to the District acquisition of and improvements to the Plymouth Incinerator/Recycling Facility.
10. To see if the Town will vote to approve a decrease in the Town Treasurer's salary from \$1,600.00 to \$600.00.
11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint one or more highway agents who, under the direction of the Selectmen, shall have charge of the construction, maintenance, and repair of all Town highways and bridges and the maintenance and repair of all sidewalks within the Town, except as provided in the laws pertaining to State aid for highways and bridges and Town road and bridge aid, and shall have authority to employ the necessary workers and equipment, and purchase timber, planks, and other materials for the construction and repair of such highways and bridges; such highway agents may remove gravel, rocks, or other materials from one part of the Town to another, doing no damage to adjoining land, for the purpose of creating or otherwise repairing the same. (A vote authorizing appointment of highway agents by the Selectmen shall continue in effect until changed by majority vote at an annual or special meeting. RSA 231:62.).
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred four thousand seven hundred twenty-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$204,727.79) to defray Town charges. (This amount includes the amounts raised in Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9.)
13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer, lease, rent, sell and convey or otherwise dispose of any real estate or mineral rights acquired by the Town by any Tax Collector's deed and to authorize the Selectmen to sign the necessary and appropriate documents for such purposes. And in the event of a sale, any such sale shall be conducted by advertised sealed bids, negotiated private sale, public auction, or in any other manner which the Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town.
14. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to make application for, to accept on behalf of the Town, and to expend for the purpose intended, any and all grants or other funds which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government, from the State of New Hampshire, or from private foundations, trust or individuals.

Given under our hands and seals this 10th day of February, 1987.

Albert J. Franz
Carol H. Wilson
Brian A. Howe

Selectmen of Dorchester

A true copy Attest:

Albert J. Franz
Carol H. Wilson
Brian A. Howe

DORCHESTER TOWN BUDGET

Purposes of Appropriation

Purpose of Appropriation (RSA 31:4)	Appropriations 1986	Expenditures 1986	Underspent 1986	Overspent 1986	Recommended 1987
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 8,570.00	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,525.00
Town Officers' Expenses	4,500.00	3,907.00	593.00		5,500.00
Election and Registration Expenses	1,100.00	958.86	141.14		350.00
Cemeteries	500.00	500.00			500.00
General Government Buildings	1,200.00	2,183.46		983.46	1,500.00
Planning	300.00	614.80		314.80	500.00
Tax Map					1,000.00
Legal Expenses	800.00	432.00	368.00		1,000.00
Regional Associations	242.00	242.00			250.00
Town Reports	425.00	455.88		30.88	850.00
NHMA Annual Dues	400.00	400.00			400.00
Town Clerk's Fees ~	500.00	537.50		37.50	600.00
Contingency Fund	500.00	500.00			500.00
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police Department	2,500.00	3,110.31		610.31	2,800.00
Fire Department including Forest Fire and Training	2,700.00	2,602.18	97.82		2,700.00
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES					
Town Maintenance	27,000.00	26,819.13	180.27		34,150.00
General Highway Dept. Expenses (Block Grant)	21,429.59	21,429.59			20,281.89
Lease Payment - Loader	11,238.60	11,238.60			11,238.60

SANITATION			
Solid Waste Disposal, Payments to Rumney Dump	6,200.00	3,524.94 (Balance paid in 1985)	6,200.00
Solid Waste Planning Pemi-Baker S.W.D.	122.00	122.00 0.00	476.00
HEALTH			
Canaan F.A.S.T.	975.00	975.00	0.00
Mascoma Home Health Services	702.50	702.50	744.00
WELFARE			
General Assistance	1,000.00	143.63 856.37	500.00
Aid to Disabled	0.00	279.00	0.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
Library	262.00	262.00	250.00
DEBT SERVICE			
Interest Exp. - Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000.00	5389.02 2,389.02	5,500.00
Principal of Long-term Notes	0.00	0.00	5,453.32
Interest Expense - Long-term Notes	0.00	0.00	1,984.98
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Purchase and Equip New Truck			38,000.00
Capital Improvement of Class V Roads			25,000.00
Revenue Sharing Withdrawals:			
Sealing Roads	6,000.00	0.00 6,000.00	0.00
Forest Fire Tools	150.00	150.00	200.00
Police Emergency Lighting Equipment			560.00
Purchase and Equip Truck			4,450.00
Capital Reserve Highway Equipment Fund			
Withdrawal: Purchase and Equip Truck	3,469.00	3,469.00	14,000.00

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Payments to Capital Reserve Funds:

Highway Equipment Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00		0.00
Building Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Insurance	7,500.00	7,915.00	415.00	8,500.00
Unemployment Compensation	50.00	37.12	12.88	50.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.	215.00	215.00		224.00
Total Appropriations	\$ 115,550.69	\$ 109,640.52	\$ 8,294.48	\$ 204,737.79

LESS:

Amount of Estimated Revenues,
Exclusive of Taxes

	-148,621.00
	\$ 56,116.79

Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue 1986	Actual Revenue 1986	Estimated Revenue 1987
TAXES			
Resident Taxes	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,420.00	\$ 0.00
Yield Taxes	7,000.00	12,997.34	8,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	2,000.00	3,291.68	3,000.00

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - STATE

Shared Revenue - Block Grant	22,863.10	7,939.10	7,939.00
Highway Block Grant	21,429.59	21,429.59	20,282.00
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	469.35	469.35	637.00
Forest Fire Training	60.00	75.45	75.00
Gas Tax Refund	500.00	750.35	500.00

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - FEDERAL

CDBG Rural Housing Rehabilitation Study Grant	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
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LICENSES AND PERMITS

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	12,000.00	14,863.00	15,000.00
Dog Licenses	250.00	233.28	225.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	50.00	40.00	40.00

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Interest of Deposits	3,000.00	5,486.14	5,000.00
Sale of Town Property	0.00	400.00	0.00
Insurance Refunds		18.00	430.00
Receipts from Planning Board		169.35	400.00
Dog Fine		50.00	0.00
Undeposited Check & Refund		321.76	0.00

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

Proceeds of Bonds and Long-Term Notes			63,000.00
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve Highway Equipment Fund	3,469.00	3,469.00	14,000.00
Withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Fund	6,898.00	6,150.00	5,210.00
Fund Balance			4,883.00
Total Revenues and Credits	<u>\$ 84,889.04</u>	<u>\$ 83,073.39</u>	<u>\$ 148,621.00</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT

For The Calendar Year Ended December 31, 1986

ASSETS

CASH

All funds in custody of treasurer	\$ 45,175.95	
Total Cash		\$ 45,175.95

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Highway Maintenance Equipment Fund	14,680.55	
Town Building Fund	<u>1,196.64</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		15,877.19

OTHER BILLS DUE TOWN

Property Lien for Payment of Welfare	<u>795.00</u>	795.00
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UNREDEEMED TAXES (from tax sale on account of)

(a) Levy of 1985	7,412.70	
(b) Levy of 1984	3,331.83	
(c) Previous Years	<u>93.94</u>	
Total Unredeemed Taxes		10,838.47

UNCOLLECTED TAXES (Including All Taxes)

(a) Levy of 1986	25,698.13	
(b) Levy of 1985 - Yield Taxes	1,102.94	
(c) Previous Years - Yield Taxes	<u>1,599.60</u>	
Total Uncollected Taxes		<u>28,400.67</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$ 101,087.28</u>
Grand Total		\$ 101,087.28

Fund Balance - December 31, 1985	-7,074.24
Fund Balance - December 31, 1986	4,883.00
Change in Financial Condition	\$ 11,957.24

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS OWED BY THE TOWN

Bills Outstanding	\$ 0.00	
Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations, Art. 6, R.S.	6,000.00	
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	5,100.97	
Due to State:		
Dog License Fees Collected - Not Remitted	4.50	
Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acc't)	1,847.08	
School District(s) Tax(es) Payable	<u>67,374.54</u>	
Total Accounts Owed by the Town		\$ 80,327.09

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Total Capital Reserve Funds	<u>15,877.19</u>	
Total Liabilities		<u>96,204.28</u>
Fund Balance - Current Surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)		<u>4,883.00</u>
Grand Total		\$ 101,087.28

RECEIPTS

FROM LOCAL TAXES

Property Taxes - Current Year - 1986	\$ 169,705.67	
Resident Taxes - Current Year - 1986	1,170.00	
Yield Taxes - Current Year - 1986	10,770.26	
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes - Previous Years	25,755.91	
Resident Taxes - Previous Years	250.00	
Land Use Change Tax - Current and Prior Years	0.00	
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes	3,264.68	
Penalties: Resident Taxes	27.00	
Tax sales redeemed	<u>9,419.67</u>	
Total Taxes Collected and Remitted		\$ 220,363.19

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - STATE

Shared Revenue	22,863.10	
Highway Block Grant	21,429.59	
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	469.35	
Gas Tax Refund, Forest Fire Training Reimbursement	<u>825.80</u>	

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - FEDERAL

Federal Grants		
Rural Housing Rehabilitation Study Grant	<u>3,500.00</u>	
Total Intergovernmental Revenues		49,087.84

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	14,863.00	
Dog Licenses	233.28	
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	9.00	
Other Licenses and Permits - Current Use Fee,		
Pistol Permits	<u>31.00</u>	
Total Licenses and Permits		15,136.28

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Interest on Deposits	5,486.14	
Sale of Town Property	400.00	
Transfer From Revenue Sharing Fund	6,000.00	
Ck #5932 paid and not deposited	311.08	
Receipts from Planning Board	169.35	
Dog Fine	50.00	
Other Miscellaneous Revenues - Refunds, Insurance	<u>28.68</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues		12,445.25

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for York Rake	3,469.00	
Revenue Sharing Entitlement Funds, withdrawal for		
Fire Tools	<u>150.00</u>	
Total Other Financing Sources		3,619.00

NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	130,000.00	
Yield Tax Security Deposits	<u>2,227.08</u>	
Total Non-Revenue Receipts		<u>132,227.08</u>
Total Receipts from All Sources		\$ 432,878.64
Cash on Hand January 1, 1986		<u>5,043.59</u>
Grand Total		\$ 437,922.23

PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town officers' salaries	\$ 8,525.00	
Town officers' expenses	3,906.74	
Election and Registration expenses	945.80	
Cemeteries	500.00	
General Government Buildings	2,209.31	
Planning and Zoning	573.31	
Legal Expenses	432.00	
Regional Associations, NHMA, UV-LSC	642.00	
Contingency Fund	500.00	
Town Reports	<u>455.88</u>	
Total General Governmental Expenses		\$ 18,690.04

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	3,110.31	
Fire Department	<u>2,752.18</u>	
Total Public Safety Expenses		5,862.49

HIGHWAYS, STREETS, BRIDGES

Town Maintenance	26,819.73	
General Highway Department Expenses, Highway		
Block Grant	21,429.59	
Loader	<u>11,238.60</u>	
Total Highways and Bridges Expenses		59,487.92

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal, Planning, Pemi-Baker S.W.D.	122.00	
Payments for Use of Rumney Dump	<u>3,524.94</u>	
Total Sanitation Expenses		3,646.94

HEALTH

Mascoma Home Health Services	702.50	
Canaan F.A.S.T.	<u>975.00</u>	
Total Health Expenses		1,677.50

WELFARE

General Assistance	143.63	
Aid to the Disabled, A.P.T.D.	<u>279.00</u>	
Total Welfare Expenses		422.63

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Library	<u>262.00</u>	
Total Culture and Recreational Expenses		262.00

DEBT SERVICE

Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>5,424.64</u>	
Total Debt Service Payments		5,424.64

CAPITAL OUTLAY

York Rake	<u>3,469.00</u>	
Total Capital Outlay		3,469.00

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Operating Transfers Out		2,000.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Rural Housing Rehabilitation Study	3,500.00	
Fees Paid to County	37.83	
Insurance	7,915.00	
Unemployment Compensation	37.12	
Bank Charges	<u>19.05</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		11,509.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	130,000.00	
Taxes bought by town	8,344.79	
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	863.91	
Deposits Paid to Tax Collector (Yield Tax)	950.30	
Grafton County Sr. Citizens Council	<u>215.00</u>	
Total Unclassified Expenses		140,374.00

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

Payment to State a/c Dog License	28.00	
Taxes paid to County	13,044.00	
Payments to School Districts (1986 Tax \$59,640.00)		
(1987 Tax \$72,309.09)	<u>131,949.09</u>	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		<u>145,021.09</u>
Total Payments for All Purposes		\$ 397,847.25
Cash on hand December 31, 1986		<u>40,074.98</u>
Grand Total		\$ 437,922.23

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Land (Current Use Valuation)	24,137 acres	\$ 754,539.00
Land (All Other)	3,833 acres	1,611,036.,00
Buildings		
A. Residential		3,827,727.00
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		176,944.00
Public Utilities — N.H. Elec. Coop. Lines		290,114.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions		\$6,660,360.00
Exemptions - (Elderly, 6)		<u>-30,000.00</u>
Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed		\$6,630,360.00

TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATES

Net Assessed Valuation	\$6,630,360.00
Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Town Property Taxes Assessed	\$ 195,595.00
Less: Est. War Service Tax Credits	<u>-1,850.00</u>
Net Property Tax Commitment	\$ 193,745.00
Tax Rate per 1,000.00:	
Municipal:	\$ 8.04
County:	1.77
School:	<u>19.69</u>
Total	\$ 29.50

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 50,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,300.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	15,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,000.00
Police Department, Lands and Buildings	0.00
Equipment	3,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	0.00
Equipment	750.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	0.00
Equipment	34,048.00
Historical Museum	6,635.00
Total	\$ 113,733.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Number of cars	315	\$	14,863.00	
Filing fees	9		9.00	
Dogs	65		<u>233.28</u>	
Total Remitted to Treasurer		\$		15,105.28

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Howe
Town Clerk

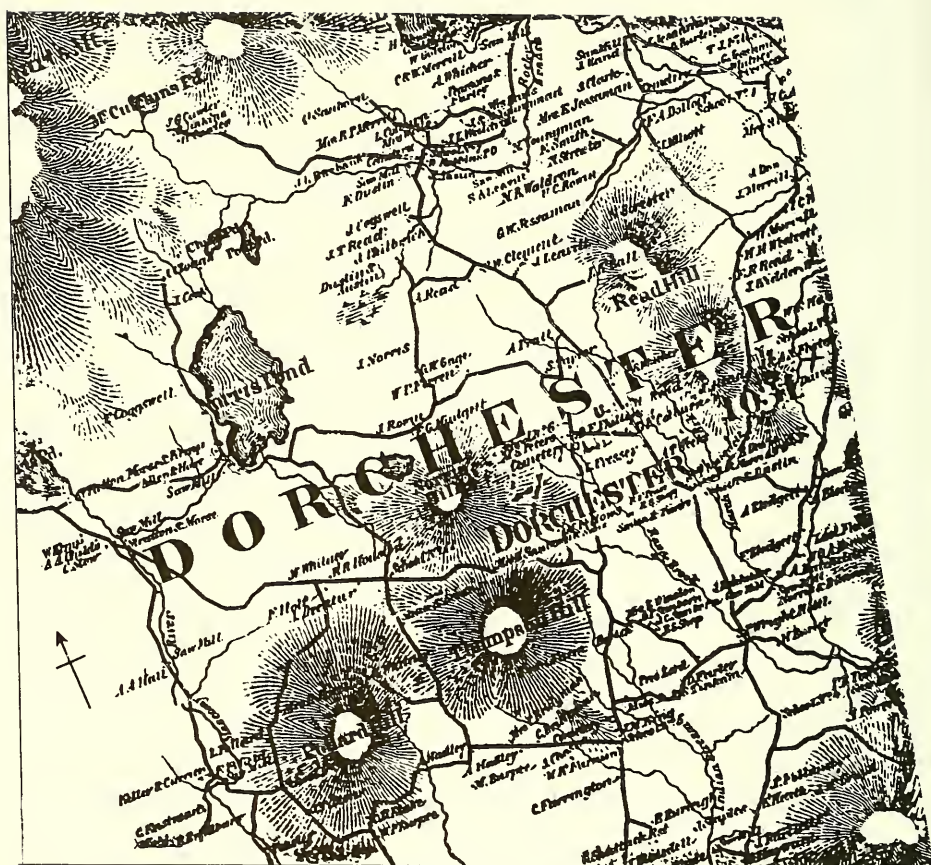
TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1986	\$	5,043.59	
From Tax Collector		220,363.19	
From Town Clerk		15,105.28	
From Selectmen		<u>197,410.17</u>	
Total Receipts			\$ 437,922.23
Payments			
By Order of Selectmen			<u>397,847.25</u>
Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1986			\$ 40,074.98
Pemi. National Bank N.O.W. A/C	\$	27,204.63	
P.G.S.B. Money M'k't. A/C		<u>12,870.35</u>	
	\$	40,074.98	
Revenue Sharing Fund			
Bal. on Hand, Jan. 1, 1986	\$	7,436.09	
Received 1986		3,298.00	
Interest 1986		<u>516.88</u>	
	\$	11,250.97	
Withdrawn 1986		<u>6,150.00*</u>	
Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 1986	\$	5,100.97	

*\$150.00 Expended 1986

\$6,000.00 appropriataed, withdrawn and placed in General Fund to be expended in 1987.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nella H. Ashley
Treasurer



DORCHESTER 1860



DORCHESTER 1890-92

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Sales Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1986

DEBITS

Tax Sales on Account of Levies Of

	1985	1984	Previous Years
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - Beginning Fiscal Year	\$	\$ 7,183.78	\$ 3,240.73
Taxes Sold To Town During Current Fiscal Year*	8,344.79		
Subsequent Taxes Paid			
Interest Collected After Sale	65.26	632.58	1,303.28
Redemption Costs			
Total Debits	\$ 8,410.05	\$ 7,816.36	\$ 4,544.01

CREDITS

REMITTANCES TO TREASURER DURING YEAR:

Redemptions	\$ 932.09	\$ 3,851.95	\$ 3,146.79
Interest & Costs After Sale	65.26	632.58	1,303.28
Abatements During Year			
Deeded To Town During Year			
Unredeemed Taxes-End of Fiscal Yr.	7,412.70	3,331.83	93.94
Unredeemed Taxes-Subsequent Taxes			
Unremitted Cash			
Total Credits	\$ 8,410.05	\$ 7,816.36	\$ 4,544.01

*Amount of Tax Sale(s) sold to town held during current fiscal year, including total amount of taxes, interest and costs to date of sale(s).

DEBITS

Levies Of:
1985

Prior

UNCOLLECTED TAXES -

BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR

Property Taxes	\$	\$ 25,548.75	\$ 9,502.44
Resident Taxes		590.00	440.00
Land Use Change Taxes			
Yield Taxes		1,102.94	1,599.60
Inventory Penalties			194.39

TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR:

Property Taxes	193,878.71
Resident Taxes	1,850.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	
Land Use Change Taxes	
Yield Taxes	10,509.61
Sewer Rents	

ADDED TAXES:

Property Taxes
Resident Taxes

OVERPAYMENTS:

a/c Property Taxes 609.39
a/c Resident Taxes

COSTS/INTEREST COLLECTED
ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY
TAXES:

PENALTIES COLLECTED ON
RESIDENT TAXES

221.22	895.66	2,347.69
4.00	23.00	
<u>\$ 206,463.54</u>	<u>\$ 28,769.74</u>	<u>\$ 14,084.12</u>

Total Debits

CREDITS

Remittances To Treasurer During Fiscal Year:
1986 1985 Prior

Property Taxes	\$ 169,314.59	\$ 20,233.44	\$ **6,738.54
Resident Taxes	1,170.00	250.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes			
Yield Taxes	9,819.96		
Sewer Rents			
Land Use Change Taxes			
Costs/Interest Collected During Year	221.22	895.66	2,347.69
Penalties on Resident Taxes	4.00	23.00	

DISCOUNTS ALLOWED

ABATEMENTS MADE DURING
YEAR:

Property Taxes	37.64		
Resident Taxes		340.00	440.00
Yield Taxes	198.00		
Inventory Penalties			194.39

UNREDEEMED/UNCOLLECTED
TAXES-END OF FISCAL YEAR:

(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	24,476.48	5,924.70	3,229.12
Resident Taxes	680.00		
Inv. Penalties			
Yield Taxes	491.65	1,102.94	1,599.60
	*50.00		

Total Credits	<u>\$ 206,463.54</u>	<u>\$ 28,769.74</u>	<u>\$ 19,549.34</u>
			**460.07
			\$ 14,089.27

*Two \$25.00 Veterans Exemption Disallowed - Not subtracted from final balance.

**\$460.07 is balance of bad check.

Delbert Pratt

1986 TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

A. John Franz, Selectman	\$ 1,500.00	
Brian A. Howe, Selectman	1,500.00	
Carol H. Wilson, Selectman	1,500.00	
Nella H. Ashley, Treasurer	1,017.50	
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk	500.00	
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk Fees	537.50	
Glenda Edgecomb, Assistant Town Clerk	60.00	
Delbert Pratt, Tax Collector	1,500.00	
Herbert Wilson, Assistant Tax Collector	60.00	
Lucille Andrew, Auditor	50.00	
Kathy Cote, Auditor	50.00	
Patricia Franz, Chairman, Trustees of Trust Funds	100.00	
Eunice Bourdelais, Trustee of Trust Funds	25.00	
Frances E. Merrill, Trustee of Trust Funds	25.00	
Alice Melanson, Welfare Director	<u>100.00</u>	
Total, Town Officers' Salaries		\$ 8,525.00

1986 TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Clay's Office Products, Office Supplies	\$ 8.28	
N.E. Telephone	188.80	
Mascoma Valley Messenger	16.50	
Equity Publishing	178.20	
DATOWN Computer Service Tax Lists and Bills	472.77	
National Market Reports, Motor Vehicle Books	47.00	
Salary, Selectmen's Secretary	1,586.50	
Expenses, Selectmen's Secretary, Reimbursed	359.62	
Nella H. Ashley, Treasurer's Expenses Reimbursed	65.47	
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk's Expenses Reimbursed	126.45	
Delbert Pratt, Tax Collector's Expenses Reimbursed	259.69	
A. John Franz, Selectman's Expenses Reimbursed	259.20	
Brian A. Howe, Selectman's Expenses Reimbursed	40.47	
Carol H. Wilson, Selectman's Expenses Reimbursed	98.70	
Eunice Bourdelais, Mileage, Trustee of Trust Funds	12.40	
Patricia Franz, Postage, Mileage, Trustee of Trust Funds	50.88	
NH Local Welfare Administrators Assoc. Annual Dues	15.00	
NH Tax Collectors' Assoc. Annual Dues	15.00	
NH Assoc. of Assessing Officials Annual Dues	20.00	
NH Govt. Finance Officers Assoc. Seminar	<u>20.00</u>	
Total Expenditures, Town Officers' Expenses		\$ 3,852.93

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION EXPENSES

Mountain Media, Supervisors' Notices	\$	15.00	
Mascoma Valley Messenger, Supervisors' Notices		13.06	
NH Municipal Assoc., Moderator's Handbook		7.50	
Henry L. Melanson, Moderator,			
Town Meeting, Elections		103.50	
Frances Merrill, Ballot Clerk		67.50	
Estelle Milman, Ballot Clerk		45.00	
Alice Melanson, Ballot Clerk		31.50	
Martha Walker, Supervisor of Checklist		159.75	
Marion Delsart, Supervisor of Checklist		150.75	
Frances Whitehurst, Supervisor of Checklist		166.50	
Loring Short & Harmon Supervisors, Supplies		18.80	
Total Expenditures, Election and Registration	\$		958.86



Plowing snow in the 1930's. Harold Walker and James Carter.



The Town's first grader-tractor (circa 1928). Standing Left: George N. Burnham. At the wheel: Harold Walker. Standing on the machine: Alfred W. Ashley.

REPORT OF ROAD EXPENDITURES

PAYROLL, HEALTH INSURANCE, IRS PAYMENTS		
George C. Conkey, Sr., Road Agent	\$	9,629.75
George C. Conkey, Jr.		1,365.25
William Dyer		17.00
Arthur Edmiston III		1,069.50
Ernest Marsh		55.00
Norman Waldron		658.00
Blue Cross/Blue Shield		1,641.15
IRS Payments of Income Tax withheld		479.00
Total		<hr/> 14,914.65

EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND MILEAGE, OPERATORS

George C. Conkey, Sr., Pickup and Mileage	\$ 865.34
O.J. Bourdelais, Loader, Dozer, Truck	9,320.00
Pat Coursey, Pickup, Plowing	3,040.00
Norman Waldron, Plowing	846.00
Brian Howe, Truck	72.00
John Franz, Plowing	25.00
E.J. Hanley, Pulling Stump	70.00
Dennis Edgecomb, Run Backhoe	145.00
Jim Parris, Truck	95.00
G.C. Conkey, Jr., Chainsaw	100.00
C.E. Neily, Screen and Loader	1,080.00
Robert Smith, Truck	275.00
E. Charbono, Ten-Wheeler	840.00
R. Duncan, Chipper, Truck	1,305.39

Total	\$ 18,078.73
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GENERAL EXPENSES

Canaan Hardware	\$ 105.27
Stinbrook Oil	16.07
O. Bourdelais, 4 Truck Tires	200.00
Webster Motors	3,528.84
NH Electric Coop	237.88
Muzzey's Store, Gas	750.63
Dyer's Welding	92.00
Shortt's Garage, Gas, Supplies	1,514.42
Kibby Equipment	375.94
Dennis Edgecomb, Truck, Sander Repairs	903.25
Arthur Whitcomb, Cold Patch	1,073.47
Miller's Store, Gas	130.72
Town Line Equipment Sales	244.92
International Salt, Road Salt	1,272.45
Blue Seal, Black Plastic Sheet	96.45
Sanel Auto Parts	92.23
RAK Industries	1,288.62
Larry's Auto Body	455.25
George C. Conkey, Sr., Garage Rental and Electricity	660.00
George C. Conkey, Sr., 2 Wheel Rims	100.00
K-Ross Inc.	37.24
F.C. Hammond	39.36
Country Print Shop, Road Signs	31.81
Estate of Phyllis Ashley	1,454.50
Yeaton Oil Co.	213.57
C.R. McLoud and Son, Brush Saw Repair	18.50
Ross Express, Shipping	13.00
E.W. Sleeper, Parts	74.55
Richard Buckwold	180.00
Donbeck Sales, 100' Tape	15.00
Bartlett Auto Radiator	40.00

Total, General Expenses	\$ 15,255.94
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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

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The amount of \$3,469.00 was withdrawn from the Highway Maintenance Equipment Fund (formerly the Snow Removal Equipment Fund) and remitted to the Selectmen for the purchase of a York Rake, pursuant to Article 9 of the 1985 Town Warrant. The appropriated amount of \$1,000.00 was deposited in the Highway Maintenance Equipment Fund; the appropriated amount of \$1,000.00 was deposited in the Town Building Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Franz

Eunice Bourdelais

Frances E. Merrill

Trustees of Trust Funds

Lucy Hazen Kimball Fund

Balance on hand, December 1, 1985	\$ 164.29	
Interest 1986	<u>9.39</u>	
Balance on hand, December 1, 1986		\$ 173.68

Scott Burleigh Fund

Balance on hand, December 1, 1985	502.74	
Interest 1986	<u>28.79</u>	
Balance on hand, December 1, 1986		531.53

Paul Hopkins Hutchinson Fund

Balance on hand, December 1, 1985	836.10	
Interest 1986	<u>47.91</u>	
Balance on hand, December 1, 1986		884.01

John C. Davenport Fund

Balance on hand, December 1, 1985	120.16	
Interest 1986	<u>6.86</u>	
Balance on hand, December 1, 1986		127.02

Joseph and Katherine Grochocki Fund

Balance on hand, December 1, 1985	211.44	
Interest 1986	<u>12.10</u>	
Balance on hand, December 1, 1986		223.54

Town Cemetery Fund

Balance on hand, December 1, 1985	1,323.56	
Interest 1986	<u>75.87</u>	
Balance on hand, December 1, 1986		1,399.43

Town Building Fund

Balance on hand, December 1, 1985	180.58	
Interest 1986	16.06	
New funds created	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Balance on hand, December 1, 1986		1,196.64

Highway Maintenance Equipment Fund

Balance on hand, December 1, 1985	3,103.69
Interest 1986	183.66
New funds created	<u>1,000.00</u>

Balance on hand, December 1, 1986	4,287.35
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Highway Maintenance Equipment Fund - Money Market Account

Balance on hand, December 1, 1985	13,093.63
Interest 1986	768.57
Expenditures 1986	<u>3,469.00</u>

Balance on hand, December 1, 1986	10,393.20
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AUDITORS' REPORT

January 18, 1987

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Cemeteries, Library and Trustees of the Trust Fund and find them correctly and properly vouched.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille E. Andrews
Cathy L. Cote

Auditors

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Photo Courtesy of Harold Wymann.

LIBRARY REPORT

The Library was closed most of the year while major renovating was being done. A new door was installed and new flooring laid in the entry hall. Old shelving was torn out and new shelving built. We have added more than 200 ft. of shelf space and gained much open and workable floor space. A room was built around the furnace which was installed last year, a ceiling fan was installed, a 275 gal. oil tank put in place behind the building, and the interior of the Library was painted. Just before opening in November, new drapes, which were purchased by The Friends of the Library, were hung in the Library and the Selectmen's Office.

The lumber for all the shelving and the flooring was donated by Bob Thayer and the work at the Library was done by Jean Belair. Thanks, Bob and Jean. Also, thanks to George Conkey who helped move the lumber and get it planed for use.

While this was being done, some of the members of The Friends were meeting every couple of weeks during the spring and early summer months, sorting and cataloging books. Thanks to their help, a total of 760 books have been cataloged and put on the shelves this year. Of the 760 books, 77 had been purchased at the end of 1985 by Mary Morrissey, former librarian, 53 were purchased by me, and 70 were donated to us by the Town and Campus of Plymouth. The remaining 560 books were donations from members of our community. We have added one new magazine to our subscription list: *Profiles*, a magazine that deals exclusively with people, places, and things of New Hampshire.

To coincide with the opening of the Library, The Friends ran a Craft/Bake Sale on Nov. 8 & 9, to raise money to help support our Library. I want to thank all the members of The Friends who have actively supported the Dorchester Community Library, both with labor and money.

A special thanks to the Grays for a beautiful, hand painted (by Edith), Shaker-type box which they donated to be raffled. The proceeds were shared by the Church, Grange, Historical Society, and the Library.

The Library is open bi-weekly, Wed. 7-9 p.m., and Sat. 10-12 a.m. Dates are posted on the bulletin board beside the door at the Library building. Come and visit us. It's your Library — use it! Check our new books; browse our new paperback section!

READ A BOOK! HAVE FUN!

Marima Belair
Librarian

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Financial Report, 1986

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 1986	\$ 327.94	
Donations:		
The Bourdelais	50.00	
M.M. Ernst	25.00	
Tom & Grace Fraser	20.00	
Edith Gray, Library share from the raffle of her lovely painted box	170.00	
Robert W. Thayer	100.00	
Grant, State of New Hampshire "for library materials"	107.29	
Selectmen's appropriation	200.00	
1985 sale of school desks	62.00	
Transfer from old account 50479	15.49	
Interest from checking account	<u>3.84</u>	
Total Receipts 1986		\$ 1,081.56

Expenditures

Mary Morrissey, phone calls, stamps, etc.	\$ 2.83	
The Concord Group, Insurance, 1 year	100.00	
Magazine subscriptions	80.08	
Two yearbooks, World Encyclopedia	37.90	
NH Library Trustees Association, dues	12.00	
Book purchases & supplies	400.00	
The Library Store, supplies	22.94	
Robert W. Thayer, purchases	49.98	
Bank service charges	<u>8.00</u>	
Total Expenditures 1986		<u>\$ 713.73</u>
Balance on hand, December 31, 1986		\$ 367.83

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Carroll Abell
Treasurer

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DORCHESTER CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Financial Report, 1986

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 1986	\$	156.94	
Received from Selectmen, appropriation		500.00	
Donation, Isaac Burnham		<u>25.00</u>	
Total Receipts	\$		681.94

EXPENDITURES

Care of Cemeteries			
Cheever Cemetery		75.00	
Dorchester Cemetery		115.50	
Norris Hill Cemetery		12.00	
North Dorchester Cemetery		166.50	
Town Hall Cemetery		35.00	
Bank service charges		22.75	
Bank debit memo		<u>1.00</u>	
Total Expenses			<u>427.75</u>
Balance on hand, December 31, 1986	\$		254.19

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Carroll Abell
Treasurer

ANNUAL POLICE REPORT

This past year saw an increase in the number of complaints of three and four wheeled vehicles on the road as well as on private property (without landowner's consent). This I hope will come to an end in the future. Snowmobiles as well continue to be a problem but the problem should come to an end with the closings of some of the roads that some now ride on. While I do not condone the use of these vehicles, I feel that there are better places to ride them.

Complaints about stray animals and unlicensed and stray dogs are still a common concern among some citizens of the town, myself included. If you are to have a dog, please take the time to have it licensed and keep the tags on the animal so it can be identified if it is lost.

Motor vehicle accidents (reported) seem to be about the same as in the past and I urge each and every one that if you are involved in an accident, however minor, it should be reported.

Again as in the past, I would like to thank you all for your continued support to make this town a safe place to live, work, and play.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph L. Gove
Chief, Dorchester Police Department

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

There were thirteen formal meetings and several work sessions of the Planning Board during 1986.

Seven subdivision applications were received. The Board approved two Residential Subdivisions and four Minor Subdivisions. Approval was given to the Preliminary Layout of a third Residential Subdivision. Application for final approval of this map was received during the last days of the year. Inquiries were received by the Board with regard to one subdivision unregulated by our Regulations, and on two matters on which the Board felt it had no jurisdiction.

A major revision of the Subdivision Regulations was almost completed by the end of the year. This revision should be ready for hearing early in 1987. In addition, a public hearing was had to review results of a survey concerning revision of the Master Plan.

Major changes occurred in the personnel of the Board during the year. One member resigned during March and was replaced at the April meeting. During June three additional members, including the Chairman and Secretary, resigned and were replaced at the July meeting. Jean Belair was elected the new Chairman, and Val Parker became Secretary. A new alternate was appointed and seated at the September meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Belair
Chairman

PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES

Valley News, Hearing Notice	\$	10.50	
Equity Publishing, Planning and Land Use Handbooks		72.00	
Mascoma Valley Messenger, Hearing Notices		126.50	
Marilyn Pratt, Reimbursement, Secretary's Expenses		39.34	
Brian Howe, Reimbursement, Copies		6.80	
Mountain Media, Hearing Notices		56.35	
Clay's Office Products, Copies and Supplies		32.35	
V.F. Parker, Reimbursement, Certified Letters, Copies		127.32	
Carol Wilson, Reimbursement, Notebooks, Copies		53.90	
Grafton County Register of Deeds, Recording Fees		<u>89.00</u>	
Total Planning Board Expenses	\$		614.80

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Between July 1985 and June 1986, we experienced fewer fires than normal. The two leading causes of forest fires were again children and fires kindled without written permission of a Forest Fire Warden. Both causes are preventable, but only with *your* help.

Please help our Town and State forest fire officials with forest fire prevention. Contact your Forest Fire Warden for more information.

Enforcement of a state timber harvest regulation is the responsibility of State Forestry officials. Our state has excellent timber harvest regulations; however, your assistance is needed.

If you know of a logging operation and suspect a state timber harvest law may be violated, call your Forest Fire Warden.

If you own forest land, you became responsible for the timber tax payment starting April 1, 1986. This is a change in the Timber Tax Law that will impact all forest landowners. Contact your Board of Selectmen for timber tax forms.

FOREST FIRE STATISTICS - 1986

Number Fires Statewide	840
Acres Burned Statewide	751
Cost of Suppression	\$275,956

District

Fires	13
Acres	19.5

Town

Fires	0
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John Q. Ricard
Forest Ranger
Canaan, NH

Kenneth L. Hall
Forest Fire Warden
Dorchester, NH

MASCOMA HOME HEALTH SERVICES

The staff and board of Mascoma Home Health Services has been very active this year responding to the many changes that are occurring locally and nationally in the health care field. Cost of health care has become an issue at all levels. The need to operate efficiently and effectively has never been more important than now, with the marked reductions in State and Federal funding for health care and the increase in the numbers of people of all ages in need of community health and support services.

The primary goal of the home care program is and has been to keep individuals out of costly institutions by maintaining them safely and independently in their own homes. This program is staffed by nurses, therapists, home health aides, homemakers and a social worker.

Child health services are primarily for prevention and intervention of problems that may arise in early childhood. This program now includes parent aides to assist families with parenting skills, also a "Mother for Mothers" volunteer network to provide reassurance to new mothers in need of support. The traditional well-child clinics held monthly have an enrollment of 180 children. All of these services have reduced the need for acting on crisis situations which are costly and disruptive to family life.

In an effort to reduce the overhead costs of operation, Mascoma Home Health Services has made an arrangement with the Mascoma Pediatric Group in Canaan to share office space and associated expenses including clerical staff. This effort complements the efforts of both groups and strengthens health care services in the community.

We feel that we have been most fortunate to have your support for all of the programs that we provide. The financial assistance that we have received from you has helped to stretch other funding which is passed on in care to patients and individuals in need of help who otherwise might go without.

We look forward to working with you again this year.

Home Health Visits by Discipline for 1986 - DORCHESTER

Nursing	41
Physical Therapy	
Social Service	3
Home Health Aide	8
Homemaker	
Occupational Therapy	
Child Health Program	10
Adult Group Day Care	
Blood Pressure Screenings, all towns	900

Respectfully submitted,
Janet G. Knight
Executive Director

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE COUNCIL

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council is a public, non-profit voluntary association of towns and cities in the Upper Valley and Lake Sunapee areas. Our thirty-one (31) communities are in two states and five counties.

The Council consists of a Board of Directors and a professional staff. Each town or city annually appropriates funds for the Council's operation and sends two representatives to participate on the Board of Directors. The Board elects officers, adopts the annual work program and budget, and develops policies and positions on issues that are important to our communities.

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council is the official organization that brings towns and cities within our region together. By bonding together and pooling their resources, local governments have a highly trained, professional staff available to them for a wide variety of services. Areas of expertise include land use planning, master planning, economic and community development, water quality management, transportation, landscape architecture, housing, capital budgeting, historic preservation, downtown revitalization, solid waste planning, recreation and fiscal and environmental impact analysis. The Council also serves as a collective voice for these towns and cities in dealings with state and federal governments, thereby protecting and furthering the needs and interests of our communities.

Half of your local dues to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council supports regional planning and regional programs. Over the past year, the Council:

- prepared the Upper Valley Solid Waste District Management Plan and provided administrative services to the Solid Waste District;
- sponsored and helped organize the Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program and provided assistance to the New London League of Women Voters to help create a similar collection program in the New London area;
- worked with several communities in the Lake Sunapee area to develop a solution to their septage disposal problems;
- maintained our regional data base, including our role as a Regional Data Center for the U.S. Bureau of the Census and updated and published the Economic Profile of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region which is the primary source of economic and demographic data for our region;
- provided an Economic Development Agent for Sullivan County to help retain and expand employment opportunities in the area;
- testified on several bills before the legislature, including the Connecticut River Resource Authority Bill, and distributed summaries of new and amended legislation to our communities;
- testified on Vermont's 5-year highway plan and New Hampshire's 10-year highway plan;
- sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture Series;
- sponsored two meetings on groundwater protection and distributed model ordinances to each community in the region;
- provided administrative services to the Upper Valley Community Land Trust and worked with the Connecticut River Watershed Council, Hanover Conservation Council and Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests to negotiate voluntary conservation easements and deed restrictions to protect open space and conservation lands;

- continued the regional historic preservation program, including historic surveys, national register nominations and historic preservation plans;
- coordinated efforts to secure state funding for the Upper Valley Transportation Study and the Cheshire Bridge and completed numerous traffic studies for our communities;
- provided technical assistance to Advance Transit and County Coach;
- helped over a dozen communities seek state and federal grant funds by providing technical assistance, data and in most cases, preparing the grant applications;
- conducted a survey of application fees for local land use regulations and distributed the survey results to several communities;
- met on numerous occasions with state department heads and legislators to discuss the needs and interests of our communities; and
- updated and amended the Regional Land Use Plan.

As requested by communities, the Council conducted a large number of impact studies concerning proposed developments, prepared amendments to local subdivision, zoning, site plan review, and earth excavation regulations and provided mapping, drafting and other technical assistance.

The Council has provided a number of specific services to the Town of Dorchester over the past year including reviewing the Town's subdivision regulations and inputting the regulations onto the Council's computer, which will allow the town to easily amend its regulations in the future at minimal cost. We also have prepared a Community Development Block Grant application on behalf of the town, in an effort to upgrade substandard housing conditions. The application was based on a Housing Study the Council completed last year, funded by a Feasibility Grant also written by the UVLSC.

The Council's staff of professionals stands ready to assist your community in addressing the planning and growth management issues which you will face during the coming year. We also encourage you to become more familiar and involved with the Council, since we are essentially an arm of local government addressing your needs.

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REPORT OF THE GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

We appreciate the opportunity to submit the following report in our continuing effort to directly communicate with our constituents, realizing your concerns and our accountability for a fiscally conservative budget.

We have heard that budget message and continually strive to meet mandated and essential services in the most efficient and effective, yet economical manner possible. This has been reflected in tight county budgets the last two years, resulting in decreased county tax requirements. Some towns may have seen increased county taxes due to evaluation and apportionment formula used by the N.H. Dept. of Revenue Administration. However, public services at the county level still usually reflect more equitable distribution of tax dollars. County tax averages 6.2% of base property taxes.

The county is facing the same problems in the insurance market as the towns. However, we have joined in the N.H. Municipal Association's insurance programs for most coverage needs at reasonable cost. We shall also have to deal with the loss of Revenue Sharing funds in the next budget.

It is too early to make a comprehensive report on the new welfare system under Senate Bill-1. We do know that with the change in program liabilities, county costs will substantially increase, and towns should realize a decrease in welfare assistance payments. County focus under SB-1 is to serve the needs of the children, the elderly and disabled. Because the north country is growing with changing needs, growth in the elderly population, and expanded service requirements, we must look to the future to meet those needs.

The House of Correction occupancy figures have grown dramatically due to weekend sentencing, new DWI laws, and continuous one year sentencing to avoid incarceration at state prison, causing overcrowding at the Correctional facility. One option now under consideration is the construction of a two story dormitory type addition for 30 beds. The result would be a net increase of 18 beds meeting space standards under a plan in line with previous jail study recommendations, and at far less cost than a new facility.

The farm continues to be self-supporting, provides work for inmates, and offers access for experimental projects. The Register of Deeds net profit margin is 3.6% of county revenues. The Sheriff's Dept. provides essential services in transport, superior court, dispatch, and other law enforcement activities, with increased revenue in fees. The Nursing Home is one of the finest in the state.

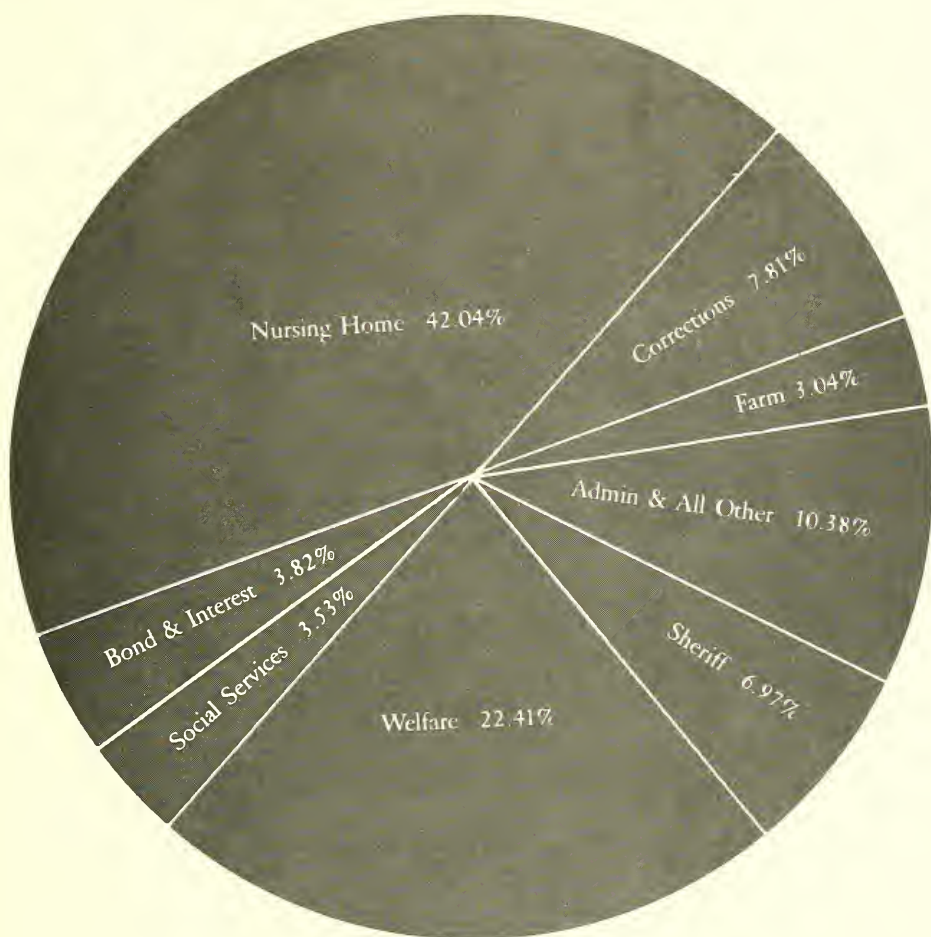
We are proud of our county; of the dedicated staff, exemplary services and high standard facilities. Commissioners meet weekly, and encourage public attendance. We welcome facility tours. Our thanks and appreciation to all.

GRAFTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

Dorothy Campion-Corcoran, Chairperson

Arthur E. Snell, Clerk

Leonard F. Anderson, Commissioner



FISCAL YEAR 1986 EXPENDITURES

BIRTHS, TOWN OF DORCHESTER, 1986

Date & Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Mother	Name of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Birthplace of Father
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NO BIRTHS TO REPORT

MARRIAGES, TOWN OF DORCHESTER, 1986

Date and Place	Groom and Bride	Residence	Name of Parents
03/27/86 Dorchester	Allen J. Conkey	Dorchester, NH	Raymond Conkey Pauline Parris
	Sharon M. Zwicker	Campton, NH	Charles Bishop Marjorie Smith
05/27/86 Dorchester	Joseph A. Cooper	Dorchester, NH	Clarence Cooper Nina Crocket
	Eunice C. Coombs	Dorchester, NH	William Walker Gladys Powell
10/24/86 Dorchester	George H. Pratt	Wakefield, MA	George H. Pratt Jr. Alice McCarty
	Paula A. Belair	Wakefield, MA	Jean R. Belair Marima J. Straley

DEATHS, TOWN OF DORCHESTER, 1986

Date	Place of Death	Name	Age	Father's Name	Mother's Name
05/24/86	Dorchester	Gretta E. Joyce	87	James Coleman	Percis Ord

